



**MIDWEST
RELIABILITY
ORGANIZATION**

CLARITY • ASSURANCE • RESULTS

About Midwest Reliability Organization

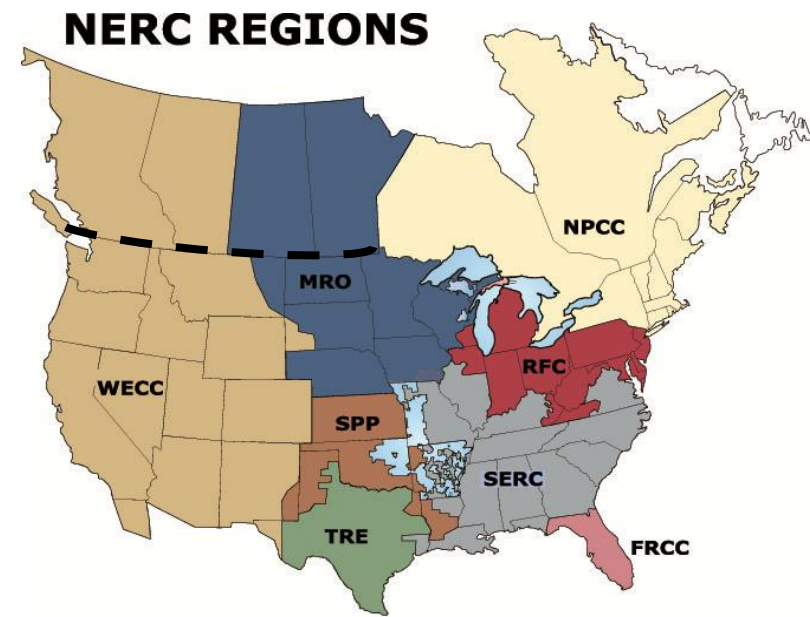
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**Improving RELIABILITY and mitigating
RISKS to the Bulk Power System**



Background

- **Energy Policy Act of 2005 created Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) which operates internationally**
 - Established mandatory electric reliability standards applicable to the owners, operators and users of the bulk power system
 - Standards enforceable with penalties up to \$1M/day
- **FERC designated North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the ERO in 2006**
 - NERC delegates authority to eight Regional Entities, including MRO





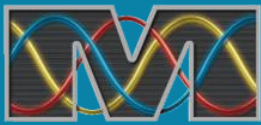
The MRO Region

■ **MRO is a cross-border Regional Entity operating in nine states and two Canadian provinces**

■ **MRO's responsibilities are:**

- Audit and enforce compliance with NERC Reliability Standards
- Provide seasonal and long-term assessments of the region's ability to meet demand for electricity
- Analyze and report on regional system events and publish lessons learned for industry



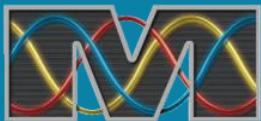


MARC Members from 14 States

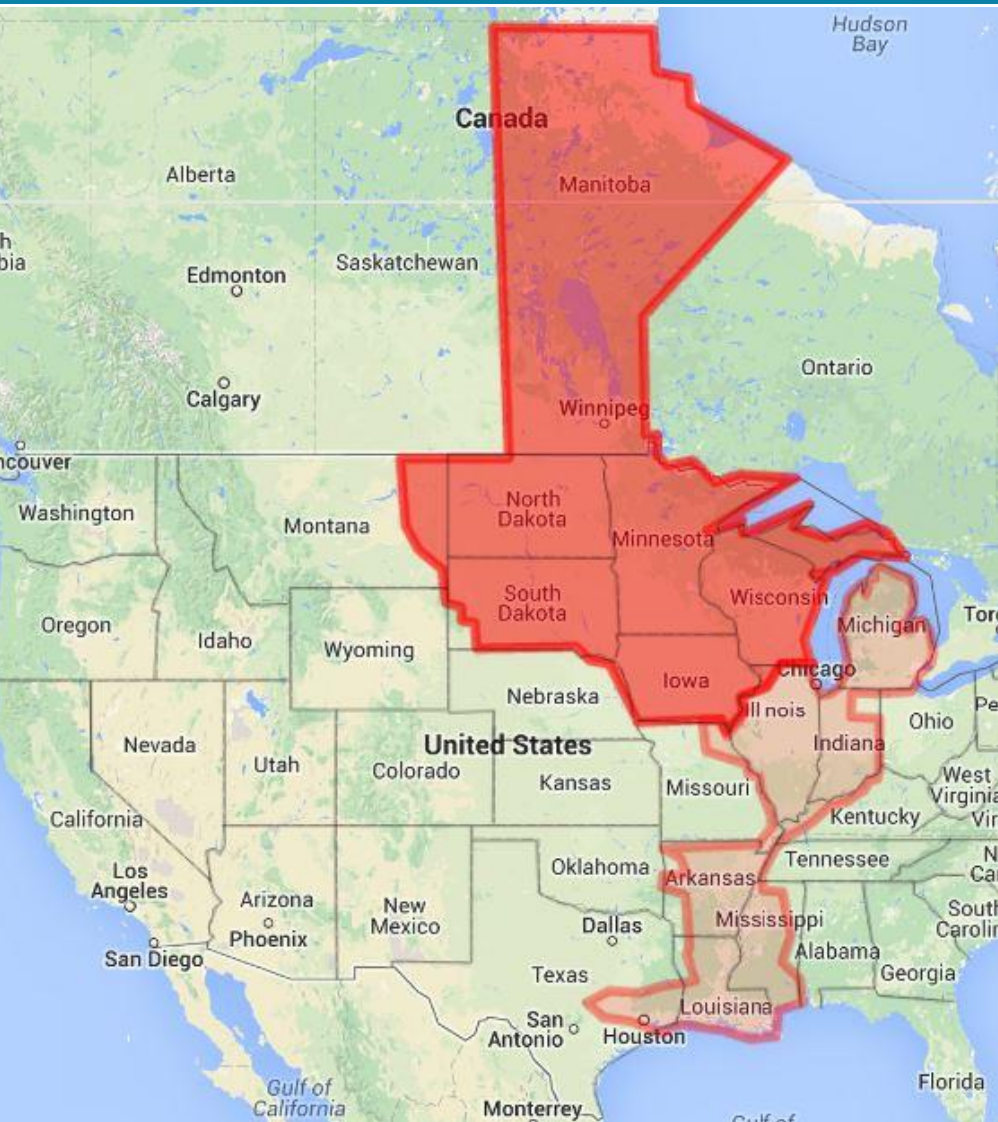




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- Illinois
 - Iowa
 - Minnesota
 - Michigan
 - Nebraska
 - North Dakota
 - South Dakota
 - Wisconsin



MISO and MRO Are Different!



MISO is one of 136 Registered Entities in the MRO Region

MRO audits MISO as a:

- Balancing Authority
- Interchange Authority
- Planning Authority
- Reliability Coordinator
- Transmission Service Provider



MRO is in the Assurance Business

■ MRO Supports Highly Effective Reliability Organizations or HEROs

CLARITY
Clear Expectations

ASSURANCE
Meeting Requirements

RESULTS
Reliable Operations



*Gaining the traction by
understanding requirements*

*Always steering towards reliable
operations*